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Synopsis: NY T-1 advised that at a Foreign Ministers meeting of the Organization of American States (OAS), held in Washington, D. C., during 12/64, VASCO LEITAO DA CUNHA, Foreign Minister of Brazil, urged the support of MANUEL RAY RIVERO, national leader of the JUNTA Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE). NY T-2 advised that AVENOL FRANCO, an official of JURE in New York, recently brought out a newspaper for JURE called "El Amigo del Pueblo". NY T-2 also advised that RAUL CHIBAS and MANUEL VARELA CASTRO, both officials of JURE, recently resigned. NY T-1 stated that RAUL CHIBAS recently resigned his position with JURE and that CHIBAS was bitter toward RAY and called RAY a thief and a faker. CHIBAS told NY T-1 that the JURE had a military group in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, which was to attempt to enter Cuba in early January, 1965, but this attempt was postponed by MANUEL RAY. NY T-3 advised that the JURE in New York was in a desperate condition and that he saw no hope for establishing JURE as a leading element in the anti-CASTRO movement. NY T-3 stated that JURE only had 27 active members in New York City. NY T-3 advised that he learned from MANUEL VARELA CASTRO that JURE still had 30 of its military group in the Dominican Republic and that they were on stand-by orders.

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NY T-2 also advised on January 20, 1965, that AVENOL FRANCO, an official of the JURE in New York, is one of the most dedicated and sincere members in the New York area. NY T-2 stated that AVENOL FRANCO was in the process of editing a newspaper for the organization which would appear in the very near future. NY T-2 stated that due to the lack of financial backing, this newspaper being published by FRANCO will undoubtedly be a mimeographed sheet.

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